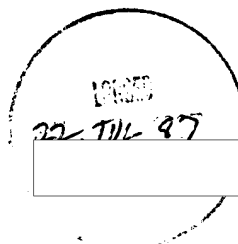


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NOTE FOR: The Director

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FROM: Dave Gries

SUBJECT: Chairman Stokes' Letter Concerning
Counterintelligence--Recommended Response Prepared by
the Intelligence Community Staff

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Chairman Stokes wrote you on 23 June concerning a public report of the House Intelligence Committee entitled "U. S. Counterintelligence and Security Concerns-1986." The Chairman's letter explained that the principal areas of concern described in the report would be reviewed at hearings in the Fall. In the meantime, the letter asked that you review these areas of concern and respond to the Committee by 11 September on what the Community is doing to address them.

The Intelligence Community staff has drafted a response which confirms your commitment to meet the 11 September deadline in the first paragraph. The response also says that you prefer not to reopen discussions concerning the Committee's findings. The response mentions a number of reports on counterintelligence performance that either have been sent to the Committee or will be sent to the Committee.

I believe the second paragraph of the response prepared by the Intelligence Community staff will fall on deaf ears at the Committee. Although we may not like or accept the Committee's criticism of our counterintelligence performance, we should not decline to address the criticism. Therefore I recommend we drop the second paragraph.

Although the third paragraph contains useful information, I believe it should be recast somewhat as follows:

In the meantime, I draw your attention to our report of June 24 delivered to Mr. Latimer concerning implementation of the President's REPORT TO THE CONGRESS ON THE NATION'S COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY COUNTERMEASURE PLANS, PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES. A second report in this series will be distributed prior to Thanksgiving. I hope these will be helpful to you.

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